

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 33-37, 41, 42, and 44-50 are pending in the application, with claims 33, 34, 41, and 47 being the independent claims. Claim 44 is sought to be amended. New claims 48-50 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

The Office Action rejected claims 44-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,265,539 to Gaffard (hereinafter "Gaffard"). (See, Office Action at p. 2.)

Applicant has amended claim 44 to depend from independent claim 33. The Examiner has allowed independent claim 33. (See, Office Action at p. 2.) Therefore, amended claim 44 is not anticipated by Gaffard. Claims 45 and 46 also are not anticipated by Gaffard because they depend from claim 44 and because of the additional distinctive features of claims 45 and 46.

Likewise, the features of claims 44-46 have been included in new claims 48-50. New claim 48 depends from independent claim 34. The Examiner has allowed

independent claim 34. (*See*, Office Action at p. 2.) Therefore, new claim 48 is not anticipated by Gaffard. New claims 49 and 50 also are not anticipated by Gaffard because they depend from new claim 48 and because of the additional distinctive features of new claims 49 and 50.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove his rejections of claims 44-46 under U.S.C. § 102(b) and that these claims be passed to allowance. Likewise, Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 48-50 be passed to allowance.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The Office Action has indicated that "[c]laims 33-37, 41, 42 and 47 are allowed."  
(Office Action at p. 2.)

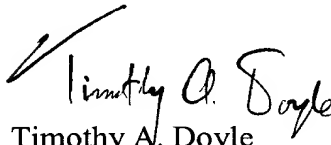
***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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